

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 2015

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Behl at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Darrell Pollesch, Annette Thompson and Ed Nelson. Gerald Adelmeyer was absent.

Also present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Educator, Amanda Hilliard, Nutrition Educator and Elsie González, Dairy & Livestock Agent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Thompson to approve minutes for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve the regular meeting per diems.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for February 2015.
- b. Discussion and update on the Crops & Soils Ag Agent position
 1. Hoffman reported that the position closed last week; there is a good pool of candidates, he indicated that he is completing the paper screening with UWEX HR this afternoon. It appears that preliminary interviews will occur in April in Madison with the final interviews held a few weeks later in Dodge County.
- c. Discussion and update on hiring our 4-H Youth Development and Dairy & Livestock Summer Interns.
 1. Witzel reported that she and Bonnie Borden did the interviews together with the candidates. Borden has offered the position to one of the candidates and Witzel has more of a challenge with offering the position to her candidate because she is located in a different county so is working with HR on getting her drug testing done through the school she is currently attending. Hoping both candidates start by the end of May 2015. The main issues with Witzel's candidates is that they needed to be 21 years of age or older for chaperoning events within the job position.
- d. Discussion and consideration of county fair appropriation to the Dodge County Fair Association.
 1. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Pollesch to approve the expenditure of \$25,500 to the Fair Association for the 2015 appropriation. (Motion carried).
- e. Discussion and consideration for 'Capitol Connections 2015' event:
 1. Hoffman reported on who we invited (18 individuals). We are currently working with

Fond du Lac, Columbia, Jefferson, Washington and Green Lake counties on making the legislative appointments for the day at the Capitol. We have made an appointment to meet with Senator Fitzgerald's aide (he will be in DC) at 1:30pm and Representative Born at 2:00pm. He explained that the Dean would cover costs of attending Capital Connections, including hotel/lodging the night before if needed, and mileage. We continue to work on the possibility of getting a bus for everyone. There will be two upcoming webinars being offered to those attending Capitol Connections; one is April 13th (6:30-7:30pm) and the other is April 15th (7-8pm). The webinars will go over how to talk with legislators, why we are there, talking points – do's and don'ts and that everyone gathers in the concourse the morning of April 30th.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared information on an upcoming conflict management workshop he is offering in April. He said he is hoping individuals from non-profits will attend the workshop, at the same time he indicated that he has provided workshop information to County Department Heads in the Administration Building. He also shared that he is floating the idea of forming a dispute resolution center alternative for Dodge County residents struggling with civil challenges.

Witzel: Witzel reported on the Family Learning Day which both Bohn and Witzel worked on together since it was the first one for each of them in their new roles. The day was well attended and the second one will be held Mar 28. Bohn is taking leadership for that program. Witzel also reported on the Hustisford Readathon which is a partnership. There were less youth attending this year, but it was also the first warm Saturday. At that event, Witzel met with Harlan and Craig Hahn to begin planning the **Patricia Hahn Legacy Dodge County 4-H Scholarship**. One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to a graduating senior in 2015. This discussion lead to a discussion about the 4-H Endowment Fund which is working on their 501C3, constitution and Memorandum of Understanding.

González: Gonzalez shared results from the Needs Assesment Survey for Dodge County's dairy producers and agribusinesses. This survey helped identify the top priority educational needs of the industry and develop educational resources to address these needs. Gonzalez also talked about the Implements of Husbandry meeting held on Dodge County where 89 participants attended and learned more about about the new regulations and permitting process. Gonzalez is currently working on developing a Farm Safety Training on Hazard Communication for Employees, which is required by OSHA for all farms that use hazardous chemicals.

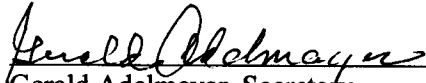
Hilliard: Hilliard reported she completed several series of Nutrition lessons at SAGES school in Fox Lake and Jefferson Elementary school in Beaver Dam. Hilliard noted she had been offered another position at different organization. Hilliard informed committee members her last day as Nutrition Educator will be April 3, 2015.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, May 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Pollesch to adjourn at 9:31 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman